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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 6/25/2021**

**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Black Organization for Leadership Development  
Office:  
Parish:  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: PAC

1748 Jackson Ave.  
New Orleans, LA  
70113

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G  
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020  
Date Filed: 3/24/2021  
Activity Receipts: \$19,000.00  
Expenditures: \$58,375.00  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$96,919.87

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$3,000  
Days Late: 119  
Late Fee Order Received: 5/14/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 6/3/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 5/14/2021  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted by Sheldon Bruno the report preparer and states that he can't explain why the report was not received, he attached a copy of an envelope with the postmark date of 11/25/2020. He states that with the issues of getting signatures and leaders online access username and password set up they were instructed to go ahead and mail in the report. He said he personally dropped the report off at the post office that night because they had not heard back from I.T. He states that if you take a look at BOLD'S past filing you will see a history of timely filed reports and that this was an isolated event.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: yes  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No



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May 14, 2021

Attention - Louisiana Board of Ethics,

Please accept the letter as a request for waiver for the late fee assessment (enclosed) for the November 3, 2020 Election 10-G Disclosure Report for **Black Organization for the Leadership Development (BOLD)**.

We can't explain why the Report wasn't received; I've attached a copy of the front of the envelope with the post-mark date. With the issues we were having getting signatures and Leaders on-line access username and password set-up, we were instructed to go ahead and mail the Report in. I personally brought the mail to the post office that night because we had not heard back from Ethics' IT Department.

We also received a late fee assessment notice back in early November for the 10-P Report, however after discussion with Campaign Finance it was discovered that the 10-P Report had received and timely.

If you take a look at **BOLD's** past filing you'll see a history of timely filed reports and that this was an isolated event.

Thanks in Advance,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheldon M. Bruno".

Sheldon M. Bruno



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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

April 27, 2021

Black Organization for Leadership Development  
Darius Mire, Chairperson  
1743 Jackson Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70113

RE: Late assessment for November 3, 2020 election  
10-Q Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 11 days late

Dear Mr. Mire:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:15054 and La R.S. 18:15114.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$3,000 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 218-1721.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are heard before a three-judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed on time. Appeals are not considered during the EAB's summer recess. The EAB's first meeting will be held on August 10, 2021. If you wish to appeal, you must file your appeal with the EAB by August 3, 2021. The appeal should be filed with the EAB at the following address: P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 218-1721.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

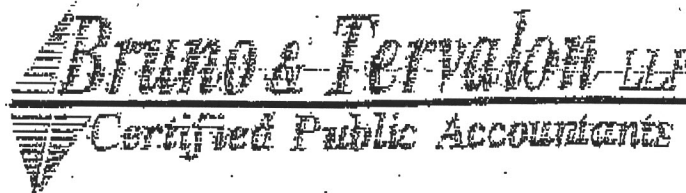
If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, the fee paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Horn*

Melissa Horn

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Campaign Report 10-20Sheldon Bruno  
Your Signature11/25/2020  
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***10 & Tervalon LLP***  
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## FACSIMILE COMMUNICATION

Date: 5/14/2021Time: 3:05Attention: Board of EthicsCompany: Louisiana Ethics AdministrationFax#: 225 381-7271From: Sheldon BrunoInstructions/Comments: Request for waiver.- Total number of pages including this cover sheet: 5

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